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Sent: Monday, April 04, 2005 12:57 AM
To: Jackson, Gary M.
Cc: restructure.sizestandards@sba.gov
Subject: RIN 3245-AF22 / RIN 3245-ZA02

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I want to thank the SBA for requesting and considering comments on the various size standard issues related to your ANPRM of December 3, 2004.

However, I would like to point out a few inconsistencies of information in both the ANPRM and the extension that may lead to some commentors inadvertently being excluded from your email receipt mechanism. I was just made aware of these potential problems this weekend from several small businesses wanting to comment on the VCC/SBIR eligibility issue. I have the utmost respect for the SBA's office of Size Standards and I have no doubt that any problems identified below are strictly due to typographical or procedural error, and do not reflect an intent on the part of SBA to limit comments on any of the size standard issues.

In your original ANPRM published in the Federal Register, December 3, 2004, the email address given for responses was listed as restructure.sizestandandards@sba.gov . Looking at that email address carefully, you will find that is most likely a typo. In the succeeding Federal Register announcement published January 19, 2005, which extended the response period for comment to April 3, 2005, the email address was changed/corrected to restructure.sizestandards@sba.gov . To further complicate matters, the live link in the official PDF version of the December 3, 2004 ANPRM directs the Acrobat Reader to have the user's email program to send a message to sizestandards@sba.gov . In addition to this, the RIN for the ANPRM is different for the December 3, 2004 (RIN 3245-ZA02) and the January 19, 2005 extension (RIN 3245-AF22).

I hereby request that SBA take every reasonable measure to insure that all comments emailed to the SBA, on the ANPRM are included in your comment consideration regardless of email address or RIN. Also, if anyone can provide a copy of a bounced email message from the SBA email server, sent within the April 3, 2005 deadline) that to the wrong (misspelled in the ANPRM) email box, SBA will include their comments if resent to SBA in what SBA would consider a reasonable period of time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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